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SUBJECT: LIBRARY EXCHANGES

REF: MOSCOW 4516

1. AIDE-MEMOIRE PROPOSING LIBRARY EXCHANGE NOT YET RECEIVED.

2. SUBJECT EXCHANGE, AS PROPOSED BY SOVIETS, IS NOT HIGH ON OUR PRIORITY LIST, BUT WE DO NOT WISH TO TURN IT DOWN FLATLY. SOVIET INTEREST IN AUTOMATION AND MECHANIZATION OF LIBRARY-BIBLIOGRAPHICAL PROCESSES INDICATES THAT EXCHANGE IS LIKELY TO BE ONE-WAY WITH LITTLE BENEFIT TO US SIDE. FURTHERMORE, IT WOULD BE DIFFICULT TO ARRANGE AND FUND A SOVIET VISIT IN JUNE.

3. REQUEST EMBASSY INFORM MINCULT THAT DEPARTMENT REGRETS IT UNABLE TO RECEIVE DELEGATION IN JUNE BUT IS LOOKING INTO POSSIBILITIES FOR THE FALL.

4. WHILE THERE WOULD BE LITTLE US LIBRARY INTEREST IN A RETURN VISIT TO USSR IN SAME FIELD, THERE IS INTEREST IN

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AREA OF GENERAL LIBRARY EXCHANGES. US LIBRARIES WE HAVE

CONTACTED GENERALLY HAVE CONTACTS WITH MAJOR LIBRARIES IN MOSCOW AND LENINGRAD BUT LIMITED CONTACTS WITH REPUBLIC AND PROVINCIAL LIBRARIES (E.G. IN UKRAINE, SIBERIA,

BALTIC REPUBLICS). THERE IS INTEREST IN LONGER VISITS TO SOME OF THESE LIBRARIES, FOCUSING ON THE HUMANITIES AND SOCIAL SCIENCES, AS WELL AS LONG-TERM EXCHANGES (SEVERAL MONTHS) OF LIBRARIANS. WE WILL BE CONSULTING WITH US LIBRARIES OVER NEXT FEW MONTHS TO ASCERTAIN THEIR SPECIFIC INTERESTS AND NEEDS. IN MEANTIME, EMBASSY MAY DISCUSS FOREGOING WITH MINCULT IN GENERAL MANNER AND SAY THAT DETAILS OF US LIBRARY INTERESTS WILL BE PRESENTED IN DETAIL AT LATER DATE. KISSINGER

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